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1. FOR F. KEENAN FROM R. RIDGWAY PURSUANT TO
TELCON JULY 24.

2. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM W. A.
HORTON, ACTING FOR COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS CALEB HEPBURN.
LETTER IS DATED JULY 22.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MISS RIDGWAY

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 3RD JULY, 1975 CONTAIN-
ING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED TWO-WEEK TRAINING
SESSION BY THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS HERE IN NASSAU.

I HAVE REVIEWED ALL THE CONDITIONS AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL
TO YOU FOR GIVING THIS MATTER YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION. THE
PROPOSAL THEREFORE HAS BEEN PASSED TO OUR MINISTRY AND I HAVE
NO DOUBT THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT MY RECOMMENDATIONS; HOWEVER,
THERE APPEARS TO BE ONE OBSTACLE TO MEETING OF THE AUGUST 4,
1975 DEADLINE.

AS YOU PERHAPS ARE AWARE THE BAHAMAS INTRODUCED ON 1ST JULY
1975 A NEW SYSTEM OF TRADE CLASSIFICATION CALLED THE BRUSSELS
TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) AND THE BAHAMIAN VALUATION STANDARD,
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KBVS), AND THE TRANSITION FROM THE PREVIOUSLY USED STANDARD

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REQUIRES THE DEPLOYMENT OF ALL OF OUR MANPOWER RESOURCES IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE SCHEME. IT IS THEREFORE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPLY THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PUBLIC AND THE STAFF ARE SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW SYSTEM. THIS COULD PERHAPS MEAN A DELAY OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TO NINE MONTHS.

AT THIS POINT I AM NOT SURE WHAT PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE INSTRUCTORS IN WASHINGTON TOWARD THEIR PROPOSED VISIT BUT I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RELAY THE FOREGOING INFORMATION TO THEM IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE BAHAMAS.

AGAIN, I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR HELP AND LOOK FORWARD TO COMMUNICATING FURTHER WITH YOU ON THIS MATTER.

YOURS TRULY,
FOR COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS END TEXT
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